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INFO AMEMBASSY ABU DHABI
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S E C R E T KHARTOUM 1208

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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, SU, SO
SUBJECT: NIMEIRI REVIEWS HIS TALKS WITH SAID BARRE

1. DURING OUR EXTENDED TALK APRIL 9, PRESIDENT NIMEIRI SAID THAT HE HAD HAD FRANK AND USEFUL TALKS WITH SAID BARRE IN MOGADISCIO. SAID HAD TOLD HIM HE WANTED TO GET OUT FROM UNDER COMPLETE DEPENDENCE ON SOVIETS. SAID HAD CLAIMED HE NOT COMMUNIST BUT SOCIALIST, MOSLEM AND ARAB. BUT HE COULD NOT ACT UNLESS ALTERNATIVE SUPPORT AVAILABLE. AS EXAMPLE, SAID HAD STATED SOVIETS PAY KUWAIT FOR SOMALIA'S ENTIRE OIL IMPORT BILL. AS PART EFFORT REORIENT SOMALI POLICY, NIMEIRI HAD, HE SAID, AGREED SEEK ALTERNATIVE FINANCING FOR THESE IMPORTS FROM MONIED ARAB STATES.

2. NIMEIRI COMMENTED THAT SOMALIA WOULD NEVER FIGHT ETHIOPIA, SINCE SOMALI WEAPONS AND MATERIAL WERE UNDER RUSSIAN CONTROL. SOME TRIBAL IRREGULARS WERE, HOWEVER, ALREADY MAKING FORAYS IN OGADEN AREA AND THEY NEEDED SUPPLIES AND AMMUNITION.

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3. COMMENT: NIMEIRI LEFT IMPRESSION HE HOPES MODERATE ARAB MONEY CAN BE USED GIVE SAID FIELD FOR MANEUVER BUT HE DID NOT INDICATE THERE WOULD BE EARLY ATTEMPT DISPLACE ALL RUSSIAN ASSISTANCE, NOTABLY THAT TO REGULAR SOMALI ARMY. PRESIDENT WAS ALMOST BOYISHLY GLEEFUL IN SPEAKING OF HIS EFFORTS PUT TOGETHER TAIZ "SUMMIT", THUS FRUSTRATING PODGORNYY AND CASTRO.

HE CLEARLY FEELS HE IS NOW OPERATING IN MAJOR LEAGUE.
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